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Nuremberg, 1 July 1948

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bei Feldheer und Luftwaffe
"Die Fuehrungsfragen ~~des Feldheeres~~ bearbeitete .....

(beim Feldheer"Generalstab des Heeres," bei der Luftwaffe "Generalstab der Luftwaffe")

Fuehrungsfragen der Kriegsmarine sind auch im ersten Weltkrieg nicht vom "Grossen Generalstab" bearbeitet worden, sondern von der Marineleitung.

(signed) Franz Halder

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Affidavit No. 6

ERKLÄRUNG

Zwei Hauptmotive veranlassten die Einrichtung des OKW. Erstens war es als eine zwischendienstlich arbeitende Zentralorganisation für gesamtstrategische Planung und andere Sachen, die einer Behandlung auf zwischendienstlicher Basis bedurften, erdacht. Zweitens beabsichtigte Hitler es als Mittel zur Umgehung irgendeines Widerstandes oder irgendeiner Kritik, die ihm seitens des OKH entgegengebracht werden könnte, zu gebrauchen.

Die wichtigste Abteilung im OKW war der Wehrmachtführungsstab - in derselben Weise galt sein Generalstab als wichtigste Abteilung einer jeden der drei Wehrmachtteile. Eine Reihe von Amtchefs in gleichem Range mit Jodl unterstanden Keitel, aber sie und ihre Ämter waren weniger wichtig und weniger einflussreich in Planung und Durchführung militärischer Angelegenheiten, als Jodl und Jodl's Stab.

Der Wehrmachtführungsstab war in Abteilungen gegliedert. Von diesen war die Abteilung, welcher von Warlimont als Chef vorstand, die wichtigste. Sie wurde Landesverteidigung genannt und befasste sich in erster Linie mit strategischer Planung. Obwohl von Warlimont die gleichen Dienstaufgaben anvertraut blieben, war er von 1941 an als Stellvertretender Chef des Wehrmachtführungsstabes bekannt.

Es bestand während des zweiten Weltkrieges kein vereinigter Generalstab ähnlich dem grossen Generalstab im ersten Weltkrieg.

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Die Führungsfragen des Feldheeres (bei Feldheer u Luftwaffe) bearbeitete
~~Seine Stelle nahm~~ die in meiner Erklärung vom 7. November
beschriebene Gruppe höherer Offiziere ~~ein~~. (beim Feldheer: „Generalstab
des Heeres", bei der Luftwaffe „Generalstab der Luftwaffe")

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sondern von der Marineleitung.

Franz Halder

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CITY OF NURNBERG: - SS

Before me, ROBERT BENSON, Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force, 85862, an officer duly qualified to take oaths, appeared Colonel General FRANZ HALDER, to me known, who in my presence signed the foregoing "Erklärung" (statement) consisting of two pages in the German language with amendments initialed by him, and swore that the same was true on the 13th day of November 1945.

Robert Benson F/Lt.

ROBERT BENSON
Fl.Lieut. RAF
85862

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TRANSLATION OF AFFIDAVIT No.6

STATEMENT

The most important department in the OKW was the Operations Staff - - in much the same way as the General Staff was in the Army and Air Force and the Naval War Staff in the Navy. Under Keitel there were a number of departmental chiefs who were equal in status with Jodl, but in the planning and conduct of military affairs they and their departments were less important and less influential than Jodl and Jodl's staff.

The OKW Operations Staff was also divided into sections. Of these the most important was the section of which Warlimont was chief. It was called the "National Defense" Section and was primarily concerned with the development of strategic questions. From 1941 onwards Warlimont, though charged with the same duties, was known as Deputy Chief of the OKW Operations Staff.

There was during World War II no unified General Staff such as the Great General Staff which operated in World War I.

Operational matters for the Army and Air Force were worked out by the group of high-ranking officers described in my Statement of 7 November (in the Army: "General Staff of the Army"; in the Air Force: "General Staff of the Air Force").

Operational matters in the Navy were even in World War I not worked out by the "Great General Staff" but by the Naval Staff.

(Signed) FRANZ HALDER

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: (The above acknowledgment of oath appeared in the original in English)

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION
OF DOCUMENT

I, PAUL A. NEULAND, Major QMC, ASN O-385720, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of Affidavit No. 6.

Paul A. Neuland
PAUL A. NEULAND
Major QMC
O-385720

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